

1955:

FIRST 20 YEARS OF NMRA PRESIDENTS



Top brass, (past, present, and future,) of the Pittsburgh H0 Railroad Club at the 10th anniversary dinner of the smokey-city rail benders. Left to right are President-elect W. R. Rau, Jr., past club president and 1947 NMRA President E. R. Campbell, Past President Engelhardt and Colson, and President Schultz, (the latter also 1947 NMRA Yearbook manager.)

N.M.R.A. Presidents During Two Decades

W. W. Haverly
M. Forrest Fottler
William Rau
Albert Kamm
Kirke Comstock
Victor Ketcham
Paul Zickgraff
Adrian Buyse
Lawrence W. Sagle
Edward A. Ravenscroft
Edward R. Campbell
Vernon P. Guess
Wilbur E. Hare
Herbert A. Schultz
Edward N. Van Leer
George H. Brown

1955 January

I want to welcome our new BULLETIN Editor, Kin Salmon, who has taken over with this issue. At the same time I want to again acknowledge my deep appreciation to Terry Walsh for the fine work he did in the past two years as Editor. Our BULLETIN reached an all time high in content and reporting during the past year and we are happy to know that this standard will be continued.

Let me call attention now to several of the National projects started or completed in 1954. The Official Report for 1954 will be printed in the BULLETIN after the Board of Trustees' meeting which will be held the middle of this month.

The NMRA passes over 11,000 Members for the First Time.

1955 March

Three Firms Make the NMRA Standard Coupler

Proposed Standard For HO Achieves Interchange

By PAUL MALLERY

The N.M.R.A. X2F coupler is available from three different manufacturers, Rail Line, Kemtron, and Model Die Casting. Other manufacturers are on the way. These couplers work perfectly together proving that the design meets the requirements of interchangeability between manufacturers, an advantage never obtained with dummies. The three couplers meet the specifications laid down by the HO Standards Committee.

1955 May Convention planning



PLANNING for the National Convention of N.M.R.A. in Baltimore, Md., August 26, 27 and 28, Al Constance, Convention Chairman, on the right, confers with Lawrence W. Sagle, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Public Relations Representative. They are standing in the B&O Transportation Museum in Baltimore, where N.M.R.A. members attending the convention will be able to see what is considered the most complete railroad museum in the world.—C&P TRANSMITTER Photo.

1955 June

20th Annual Meeting Set August 27

The 20th Annual Meeting of the National Model Railroad Association will be held at 4 P.M., Saturday, August 27, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland, as part of the N.M.R.A. National Convention there August 26, 27 and 28. A full schedule of the convention activities and a reservation coupon appear on Page 3 in this issue of the Bulletin.

1955 June



MAKING A MODEL RAILROAD show out of the Northwest Hobby Fair which the Optimist Club of Vancouver, Wash., staged in March is shown in these two photographs of the EVERGREEN CENTRAL in action. In the picture at the left, shown left to right, are: Roger Perry, editor of the Pacific Northwest Region SWITCH LIST; an unidentified guest who was invited to try out his first locomotive, the Mantua Pacific in the foreground; John T. Labbe, President of PNR; Dick Grafton, PNR member, and his son, Chris. In the picture at the right, visitors to the fair watch the layout in operation.—Photos by Ed Colvin.

1955 August

N.M.R.A. ENDED CHAOS IN THE HOBBY

Model Railroading Standards Set In 20 Years

By AL KALMBACH
N.M.R.A. Bulletin's First Editor

The N.M.R.A. twenty years ago grew more or less spontaneously out of two basic needs of the fledgling hobby. The first was the need for standards to assure interchangeable equipment. The second was the social need for getting together with other followers of a hobby which was then thought by outsiders to be slightly queer.

1955 The Railettes were born! Faith Rider created the name at a PCR Convention and at some point, the NMRA adopted it. I, Faith Rider, began planning activities for ladies (formerly called "Rail Widows") who had nothing to do at conventions.

1955 August

Look Back 20 Years And See N.M.R.A.'s Accomplishments

By FRANCIS S. BROWN
N.M.R.A. Secretary

At the completion of 20 years it might be well to look back and see what the N.M.R.A. has accomplished. The list is fairly long and impressive. Standards, which make for ease in construction, insure interchangeability with other models and make positive that our models are scale replicas of the original. Data Sheets, which save hours of research and provide the necessary information which add greatly to our models and layouts. The Periodical Index, a source of details for every aspect of the hobby. A Monthly Bulletin, Yearbook, Regional organizations, and many other items too numerous to mention here. We have truly come a long ways and have accomplished much more than that small group meeting in Milwaukee in the fall of 1935 ever dreamed.

1955 August. Capable Leadership Written by First NMRA President

Capable Leadership

By W. W. HAVERLY
N.M.R.A. President 1935-37

Put me down for sincere congratulations.

I am proud indeed of the progress of the National Model Railroad Association in the last 20 years. It has been a fortunate group to have had the capable leadership so evident in its present growth and influence.

As a fellow member and ardent model railroader, I say, "Let's all do everything in our power to keep her rolling on the high iron."

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1955 August Hail to the Old Timmers Written by 2nd President

Hail To 'Old Timers'

By M. FOREST FOTTLER
N.M.R.A. President 1937-38

I want to extend my best wishes to the N.M.R.A. as a whole and especially to those "Old Timers" I knew when I was active in it. I doubt if any of us who helped to organize the N.M.R.A. would have believed what 20 years would bring to model railroading.

Best of luck to the organization for this Anniversary Edition and for the future.

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1955 September. Ivon Prebble elected NMRA President



GEORGE H. BROWN, President of N. M. R. A. for the past two years has turned over the "train orders" to Ivon S. Prebble at the Baltimore



IVON S. PREBBLE
President of N.M.R.A.

september, 1955

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N.M.R.A.'s Three Vice-Presidents



STEPHEN E. DONOHOE
Vice-President Western Regions



MILTON R. FRIEDBERG
Vice-President Eastern Regions



LA GRANGE RATCLIFFE, JR.
Vice-President Central Regions

1955 September. Treasurer and Secretary



R. H. HUEBENTHAL
Treasurer of N.M.R.A.



FRANCIS S. BROWN
Secretary of N.M.R.A.

1955 December



THAT FAMED Gorre & Daphetid R.R. of John Allen in Monterey, California, is rising again as shown in the latest photograph of the G&D above. John writes: " In foreground is area of a port which will eventually hold real water and ships. Middle left is area of future loco yard. Far distant left is area incorporating the original 3'7" x 6'8" G&D line and only section of old railroad saved. Middle far distance is to be freight and passenger yard.—Gorre & Daphetid Railroad Photo.

1956 January. Committee Recommends adoption of XF2 coupler

1956 January

January, 1956

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KNOW YOUR REGION

Pacific Coast Region Pioneered
Setup To Bring N.M.R.A. Closer

1956 January



LEIGHTON KEELING of Pasadena, California, President of PCR.

The Pacific Coast Region, grandfather of all the regional organizations, is proud of the part they played in bringing more fellowship and personal contact to a greater percentage of the N.M.R.A. roster.



HAROLD L. OLESON, of Los Altos, California, Vice-President of PCR.



RICHARD W. ABBOT, Colonel, U. S. Army (retired) of Fresno, California, is PCR Secretary-Treasurer of PCR.

1956 February. New Southern Cross Region Formed. (15th Region)

Australia, New Zealand Unite To Organize New Region

The Fifteenth Region of the National Model Railroad Association—The SOUTHERN CROSS REGION, comprising Australia and New Zealand—was approved at the Board of Trustees' meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, January 14 and 15.

The new Region was formerly a section of the British Region. Its

organization as a separate Region came when the BOT approved the request set forth by Russ A. Siddall, Australian Representative, in a letter, dated December 10, to N.M.R.A. Secretary Francis S. Brown. The text of Russ Siddall's letter follows:

As foreshadowed in my last report to the Board of Trustees meeting in August, we have circulated a petition amongst members in Australia and New Zealand, and this petition for the formation of a Region is enclosed for you to present to the BOT meeting in January.

1956 February



CURRENT OFFICERS of the Rocky Mountain Region of N.M.R.A. are pictured during the Steam Excursion on the Great Western Railway last October 16. Left to right, they are: Jim Dierschow, HELPER Editor and Director; Billi Bowen, President; Bob Slattery, Secretary; John Horan, Director; Dan Richardson, fan trip organizer; Joe Keithley, Director; Ronney Schilp, Past President and Director; Ray Humbert, Director and President of the Denver Division.

1956 March

22nd Year

MARCH, 1956

No. 7

N.Y. Society Is Losing Its Home



HO GAGE LAYOUT, the Union, Hoboken and Overland, Railroad of the New York Society is pictured during an annual show at Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken, N. J.



GENERAL VIEW of the New York Society's Union Connecting Railroad during an annual show at Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken, N. J.

1956 April



LANDMARK for N.M.R.A. members attending the National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, August 16, 17, 18 and 19, will be the William Crooks, the Great Northern's first locomotive. The door to the Twin City Model Railway Club, host club for the convention, is directly behind this locomotive in the Union Station at St. Paul.

April, 1956

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KNOW YOUR REGION

MIDWEST

**Midwest Region Has No Dues,
Includes All In Its Boundaries**



THE BROTHERHOOD AND ENGINEERING
ASSOCIATION OF WHEEL RAILROADERS



MIDWESTERN REGION officers at the October, 1954, meeting in Creston, Illinois, are pictured above. In the front row, left to right, are: Roger Deatherage, Herb Krien and Bob Johnson. In the second row, left to right, are: Marv Duessing, Frank Saville, Lloyd Nelson, A. B. Bradley and Bob Browne.

1956 July

FIRST PRESIDENT of SCR

22nd Year

JULY, 1956

No. 11

Southern Cross Region Organized



AN AUSTRALIAN steam locomotive, pictured here, is the first to be photographed in the series which our Southern Cross Region is sending out to its members, including those from outside the Region who sign up as SCR members.

4 Divisions Formed, Cotter Elected As President

Organization of the SOUTHERN CROSS REGION, comprising Australia and New Zealand, has been completed with the election of officers and the formation of four divisions to cover a territory nearly as large as that of the United States of America.

Brian J. Cotter of 3 Torquay Road, Darlington, South Australia, was elected President of the Region, and Russ A. Siddall of 5 Waverly Street, Sandringham S 8, Victoria, who served as Australian Representative when the area was included in the British Region, has been named Secretary.

1956 July



MRS. MARGARET SEE, who writes this month's **PARLOR CAR** column, sits on a baggage truck at the New York Central Station in White Plains, N. Y., where she lives. Margaret is an active participant in model railroad activities. She has long served as women's coordinator for the Northeastern Region and is currently a Director and the Secretary of the Metropolitan District of the Northeastern Region. Her husband, James E. See, is President of the Northeastern Region.

1956 August: The United States Department of Customs ruled that Scale Railroad Models are NOT toys.

1956 September

Elected



C. WALT MENDENHALL, new N.M.R.A. Vice President, Western Regions, who lives at 1133 West 57th Street, Seattle 7, Washington. This picture was taken at the layout of the Seattle Society of Model Railroaders.



EBER H. ALLEN, new N.M.R.A. Vice President, Central Regions, who lives at 1006 Illsley Drive, Fort Wayne 6, Indiana.

1956 September The Niagara Region “reaches” all the way to the North Pole! There is no railroad to there. Alas, Santa has only his reindeer and sleigh to transport toys.

Honorary Membership Awarded Bondurant

Upon recommendation of the Honors Committee, Honorary Membership for Life has been awarded to Harry E. Bondurant, of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, first Secretary of the N.M.R.A., for his distinguished service to the Association.

In addition to being the Association's first Secretary, Mr. Bondurant was the first chairman of the Standards Committee and his leadership helped N.M.R.A. to chart its course in that field.



By JOHN B. RESCHKE Secretary N. Y. Society of Model Engineers

At long last, the New York Society of Model Engineers has acquired its own building. After 10 years in the Lackawanna Terminal at Hoboken, we were given notice to vacate due to the consolidation of the Lackawanna and Erie Railroad terminal facilities.

We have been fortunate in finding a one story cement block building at 341 Hoboken Road, Carlstadt, N. J. Approximately 45 x 95 feet, the building is divided into three sections which will house the shop and office, HO gage and O gage layouts. Plans are being drawn up to rebuild the well known Union Connecting RR and the HO Union, Hoboken & Overland.

Conveniently located in the Metropolitan New York Area just two blocks west of Route 17, it can be reached by Interstate Bus No. 35 from the Port of New York Authority Bus Terminal, the Erie Railroad to Rutherford with a short walk to the club rooms, and by local bus from Newark, Paterson, Hackensack, etc. There is also plenty of parking space.

Arrangements are being made for the move which is to be completed by January 1, 1957 and we are looking forward to our next Show and Exhibition in 1958.

Any interested model makers who would like membership in the society are invited to contact our Membership Chairman, Arthur Scott, for full particulars. All communications can still be addressed to our Hoboken address until after December 1, 1956.

1957 April

RAILETTES ON TELEVISION!



TWO N.M.R.A. RAILETTES who appeared on television in Fort Worth, Texas, after a Lone Star Region's Ladies' Handicraft program such as will be featured at the N.M.R.A. Convention in Houston.—Fort Worth Star Telegram Photo.

1957 May



HERE IS THE Executive Board of the Niagara Frontier Region at a meeting in Buffalo to plan the Spring Convention which is being held in London, Ontario, Canada, May 24, 25 and 26. In the front row, left to right, are: C. Barnes, H. R. Loveless, Frank Sadlo, Vic Sturdy and C. Fargo. In the second row are: D. Taylor, G. Hunt, Hugh Jack, Ron Gates, William Shaw, J. Folger and Jean Houde. In the back row are: G. Staubitz, A. Kamm, J. Elcomb, C. Horning and D. Ryan. —Photo by Alfred Laitenberger.



FRANCIS S. BROWN, Secretary of N.M.R.A. for the past five years, is retiring from office this month.

1957 August Reported...

1957 September Eber Allen Elected President



DR. EBER H. ALLEN, newly-elected President of the National Model Railroad Association.

1957 October



N.M.R.A. Rails and Raillettes pause upon detraining after the Railfan Trip, to visit the Santa Fe's "Cyrus K. Holliday", in Houston. Left to right: Geo. Harris, Mrs. Harris, Dr. Eber H. Allen, Hal Schmidt Jr. from Florida, John Allen, and on his tip toes to be seen is Ivan Nash—oh yes!—just to Ivan's left can be seen past Pres. Geo. Brown, and "Heap big injun" "Brad" Bradley, and way to the left is Bill Branch from Klondike, and that's Terry Walsh with him. Who else do you see?

1957 October



N.M.R.A. President Dr. Eber H. Allen and the 1957 General Convention Chairman John E. Loeffler, confer on the Special Train Schedule, at the start of the day-long Railfan Trip on Saturday morning, August 31, at the Southern Pacific "Grand Central Station", on board one of the four open deck platform observation cars.—Nordin photo.

1957 November



CHARLES B. KENT, JR., newly-elected Secretary of N.M.R.A.

1957 November Engineer William “Bill” Hewlett



RIDING BEHIND STEAM was the privilege of N.M.R.A. members who attended the September convention of the Pacific Northwest Region in Portland, Oregon. Every guest at the picnic at the farm of Norris Young, Wilsonville, Oregon, enjoyed a box luncheon and a ride on the one-inch gage live steam railroad pictured above. Bill Hewlett, PNR President, is at the throttle of the model Pacific locomotive. On the next car is Karl Busch, PCR President, and on the rear car with the brakeman's flag is Walt Mendenhall, N.M.R.A. Executive Vice President. Standing at the left is H. S. Harvey, builder of the beautiful Pacific. Dimly seen behind Harvey is John Allen of Monterey, California—just looking at live steam.—Photo from John T. Labbe.

PNR President Bill Hewlett Driving Steamer

1958 March New President for Niagara Region



CREW CHANGE for Niagara Frontier Region has Cy Fargo, left, succeed Frank Sadlo, right. Pete Loveless, convention chairman, is in the middle.—Photo by Alfred Laitenberger.

1958 August

Lawrence W. Sagle



LAWRENCE W. SAGLE—known to most members of our Association as Larry or "Mr. B&O"—will be invested with Honorary Membership for Life in the National Model Railroad Association at the National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this month.—B&O photo.

1958 September

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TWO PICTURES taken at the Spring Meeting of the Midwest Region show the sparkplugs of the MWR. In the picture at the left is the 1958-59 Board of Directors. From left to right, they are: Charles Love, Secretary-Treasurer; James Lingman; Charles Byers, John Carruthers; Robert Browne, Vice President; Paul Callahan; and Roger Kemen, President. In the picture at the right the men who received the Midwest Region's first Certificates of Merit for outstanding, consistent and selfless service to the Region, to the N.M.R.A. and to the hobby. From left to right, they are: Roger Deatherage, Marvin Duesing, Robert Johnson, G. William Lang and Edward Rannscroft.

1958 October

American Indian Elected MCR President

The Mid Central Region, in its meeting at the Pittsburgh Convention, elected LONE EAGLE PAYNE of New Carlisle, Ohio, as President, unopposed; Larry Redmond of Columbus (soon to be Dayton), Ohio, as Vice President, also unopposed. Sam Hyle and Fran Hamilton, both of Pittsburgh, were nominated for Secretary, but Sam won again; and Bill Leslie of Zanesville, running against George Black of Cleveland for another term, was defeated by two votes, for Treasurer.

Mr. Payne, who is part Seminole and part Delaware, is believed to be the first American Indian to hold any office in our organization. He is an O gager of the old school, although his wife, Leitha, is an HO gager (at last report).



1958 October Photo from Convention (in Aug. Pittsburgh) published



Convention Banquet from a few months earlier.

1958 October Model Railroad Craftsman Editor Hal Carstens first raised his idea of an NMRA Achievement Program in a 1958 edition of Model Railroad Craftsman. (The idea finally reached the NMRA Board in 1960.)

1959 January



HERE ARE SOME of the new N.M.R.A. National and Regional Officers holding a quick meeting at the 1958 Fall Meeting of the North Central Region in Lansing, Mich. Left to right: Bob Brinkman of Birmingham, Mich, President of the North Central Region; Bob Preston of Jackson, Mich., Membership Chairman for the NCR; Eber Allen of Fort Wayne, Ind., President of N.M.R.A.; Jack Dean of Columbus, Ohio, Executive Vice-President of N.M.R.A.; and Lone Eagle Payne of New Carlisle, Ohio President of the Mid-Central Region. The group are formulating plans for an intensive membership promotion campaign. Dean points out that all Regional Presidents are automatically on his committee and urges all newly elected officials to get in touch with him.—Photo by Cecil Hill.

1959 February

Keystone Division Is Organized In MCR

**By ANDREW A. VIROSTEK
McKeesport, Pennsylvania**

In the September BULLETIN—under the Mid Central Region report—mention was made of the request, and the granting, of temporary (one-year) permission by the Region for the formation of Division 2. It will be known as the “Keystone Division”. I am the fellow who made that request. Now, it is my pleasure and privilege to report further achievements along that line.

1959 April

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YOUR HOSTS, the 1959 National Convention Committee, are pictured above. In the front row at the left are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mann, and at the right Corky Thomson and Butch Butcher. In the second row at the left are Barbara Thomson and Dave Fyfe, Special Events Chairman. Jane Kahler is the smiling girl in the center and next to her is Faith Rider (all smiles, too) who is Rallette (Ladies' Events) Chairman. Next to her is Rex Cuttall, Decorations Chairman. Leaning against the wall is Chuck Underhill, Publicity Committeeman. In the third row, left to right, are: Ken Lawson, Publicity Chairman; Bill Corwin, San Diego Model Railroad Club President and Hotel Chairman; Dave Kahler, club Operation Chairman; Ed Merhrlust, Manufacturers' Display Chairman; Ace Wischstadt, Registration Chairman; and George Overlin, Photography Chairman. Standing in the back, left to right, are: George Walsh, Banquet Chairman; Hal Dowell, Model Contest Chairman; Karl Busch, General Chairman of the Convention; Dale Pyle, Park Facilities Chairman; and Don Taylor, Finance Chairman. The mural in the background was painted by Gene Knowles, San Diego artist.—Photo by Bill Worthington.

1959 June Getting ready for San Diego Convention.



JACOB HOFFMAN, President of the Pacific Coast Region, is shown adding his greetings to the N.M.R.A. Greetings Express Car—on its way to the National Convention in San Diego, California—after it was operated over the layout of the West Bay Model R.R. Assn. at 1090 Merrill Street, Menlo Park, California.

1959 June



CHARLES SMITH, owner of L&W Models, signs the waybill of the N.M.R.A. Greetings Express Car—on its way to the National Convention in San Diego, California—after operating it over his Latrobe & Western R.R.

1959 September



LEIGHTON KEELING of Pasadena, California, who has been elected President of N.M.R.A. for 1959-60.

1959 October The National Board approved a REGIONAL Achievement Awards Program.

Upon recommendation of the Office Manager, a special REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD program has been approved by the Board of Trustees, to provide recognition to regions that attain quotas based on current N.M.R.A. membership. These awards will take into consideration membership in the N.M.R.A. in their areas, and not Regional membership.

Hello, Railettes!

To all the visiting Railettes "thanks" for coming to San Diego, sure was nice to see you and make your acquaintance.

It is with much appreciation I thank the many who wrote the wonderful "thank you" letters and cards, they make the work involved all worthwhile.

Numerous Railettes have shown a desire to get active for future Conventions, Regional and National. How about it, gals don't let the fellows leave us home—let's make the Conventions with planned doings to which we can all look forward—huh?

The Railettes need not get involved with an elaborate organization structure. Our immediate objective is to encourage planned activities at Conventions, to increase attendance—both Rail and Raillette. Some may develop Raillette activities not necessarily railroad.

I'd like to hear from you.

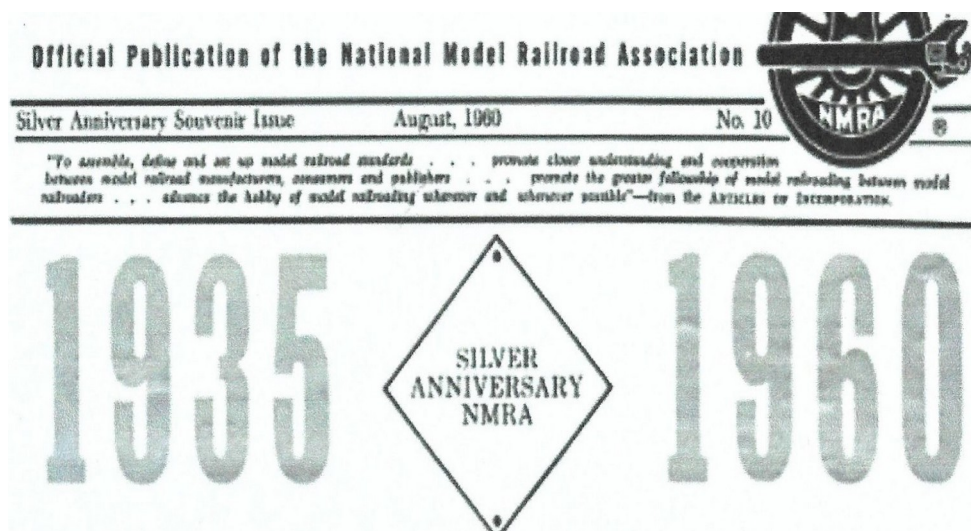
Here's hoping I'll be seeing you at Chicago in '60.

FAITH RIDER

1959 December

1959: By the end of this decade, the office of Vice President had been eliminated so that the organization could add the offices of Eastern, Central, and Western Vice President. **The NMRA had returned to its original structure.**

1960 The organization had increased membership to 12,000.



It's a long way, 25 years to be exact, from the crude scratch-built cars and locomotives to today's snap-together cars, trucks and ready-to-run locos. Whether modern mass-production methods have increased the pleasure of the hobby, by eliminating most of our inherent Yankee ingenuity, is problematical. At any rate, it must be admitted we have progressed mightily. And where do we go from here? Here's some excellent suggestions from a member in an excellent position to know . . .

By LEIGHTON KEELING, President NMRA

1960 September

Congratulations on 25!

Congratulations to the National Model Railroad Association on the occasion of its Silver Anniversary. Its activities during the past twenty-five years have given great impetus to model railroading and have directly aided the hobby industry. May NMRA enthusiasm and success extend through many more anniversary periods. I take this opportunity to reiterate that the NMRA may at all times be assured of cooperation and support from the Hobby Industry Association.

WALTER W. CADDELL, *President*
Hobby Industry Association
of America, Inc.

1960 January **FIRST MENTION** of future **Achievement Program**

A brand new Standards Gauge was being issued to all NMRA Members. However the “BIG” news of January 1960 was that NMRA President Leighton Keeling created two committees to study Model Railroad Craftsman Editor Hal Carstens
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROPOSAL.



Hal Carstens



Leighton Keeling

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROPOSAL STUDIED

**Keeling Appoints Two Committees
To Evaluate RMC Editor's Plan**

With widespread interest evidence in the Achievement Award Plan, recently proposed by Hal Carstens, Editor of Railroad Model Craftsman, NMRA President Leighton Keeling requested that a thorough study be immediately made.

The proposal and a voluminous file of member's comments on the subject has been turned over to two independent NMRA committees. The Honors Committee, under chairmanship of Watson House of Hartford, and a special committee headed by former NMRA Vice President David Stearns of San Francisco, will correlate their reports into a single report and proposal which is to be presented to the Board of Trustees at the midyear meeting in February.

Proposal Wins Great Interest

The proposal, as published in a recent issue of RMC, has apparently met with general approval. Both Carstens and President Keeling have received numerous letters from officers and members of NMRA agreeing with the general tenor.

Most of the communications urged that steps be taken to carry out the proposal.

While agreeing with basic proposals, many comments received were found to contain an identical minor criticism. As outlined in the editorial, two awards were proposed, "Associate" and "Fellow". The former was objected to by many members on the grounds that, as is custom with other organizations, the term "Associate" implied a status below that of a regular member. Several have suggested that the awards be labeled "Master" and "Fellow".

A few comments on the plan:

"Timely and very much appreciated"—Jack Dean, NMRA Exec. V.P.

"Interesting . . . deserves study"—Past President Herb Schultz.

"Proposal both stimulating and workable"—Harold Olesen.

"Good idea, one we should follow up"—Ed Ravenscroft, Past President.

"Recommend that we do something"—Roger Perry, Central V.P.

"Program has considerable merit"—Whit Towers, Western V.P.

1960 January. The question was asked: "Which is best: "Brass, Steel or Nickel Silver Rail?" By John Allen, Monterey, CA. There was a discussion involving the good, the bad and the ugly.

1960 February



PAUL PITCAIRN WINS MID CENTRAL'S HIGHEST AWARD—Div. #1 model building Award Plaque for 1959 was awarded for largest number of points. In his twenties and severely handicapped by arthritis, he spends several months each year in the hospital where he does a lot of modeling work. His flat cars with loads of earthworking machinery, complete to the smallest detail, are HO "jewelry" items. Paul lives at 620 Clearmount Drive, Youngstown, Ohio and is a member of the Youngstown Model R. R. Club. He won first place by a large margin in the December Contest. Photo shows him at his home layout.

1960 April – May



General scene of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council Midyear Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27, "at the top" of the Hotel Sherman in Chicago. Ken Mortimer and Ballard Bradley are standing while President Keeling presides at the head of the table. Many other members present are not shown in this photo. All photos of session by Doug Smith, Pres. NER.

1960 April – May

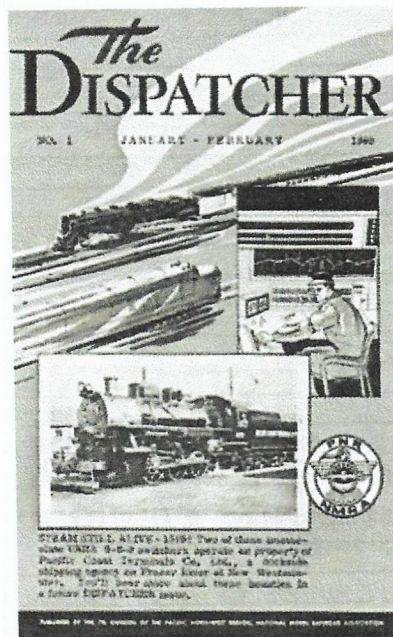
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Jack Hoffman, Pres. PCR, at right. To his right is Bob Browne, Jr., Public Relations followed by Don Burdick, Pres. MER, and Roger Marble, Eastern Vice Pres.

1960 April – May. The FIRST ISSUE, PNR Newsletter



THE DISPATCH

The first issue and a humdinger! Hats off to the Pacific Northwest Region for a highly-readable, 6 x 9, heavy cover (in two colors, yet), 10-page publication. Newsy, well-illustrated and excellent art work. PNR member and BULLETIN cartoonist Fraser Wilson has designed the 7th Division patch which appears on rear cover (wonder when members will start collecting these like Passes?). Editor: Spike Brown, 3491 West 37th Ave., Vancouver 13, B. C., Canada. Six issues per year for the present.

1960 June

Official Notice: Change in Regional Boundaries

1. Subsequent to receipt of petition for formation of a Regional Organization by members of NMRA in the State of Florida, the Board of Trustees, in meeting Feb. 27, 1960, at Chicago, approved formation of a new *Florida Region* (tentative name) and have transferred all members residing within boundaries of the State of Florida, from the Southeastern Region to the new *Florida Region* (tentative name).

Charles B. Kent, Jr., Sec'y, NMRA
By Bob E. Bast, Office Manager

2. Following results of a poll, taken by Secretary of NMRA as Regional Organizations Chairman, upon request of several members in affected area, all NMRA members residing in the State of Mississippi, in, and south of, the following Mississippi Counties (Issaquena, Sharkey, Yazoo, Madison, Leake, Neshoba and Kemper) have been transferred from the jurisdiction of Southeastern Region to the jurisdiction of the Lone Star Region, by action and authority of the Board of Trustees, meeting at Chicago, Feb. 27, 1960. Such members are now officially in the Lone Star Region and are entitled to all privileges as such.

Charles B. Kent, Jr., Sec'y, NMRA
By Bob E. Bast, Office Manager

1960 June **MANY FIRSTS**



During a Philadelphia TV broadcast, about 1940, Ed Alexander, at right, shows announcer (and audience) one of his early models. Ed was a pioneer on TV.

Ed Alexander has contributed many other "firsts" to the hobby, which include: first kits, first milled wood roofs, 1927; first cast aluminum freight cars, 1928; first reversible worm drive, 1929; first 6-wheel equalized trucks, 1930; first cast aluminum passenger cars, first cast loco boilers, 1931; first cast loco frames, 1932; first flexible shaft tender drive, 1933. Above all, he is the builder of the *first* HO locomotive in this country, the PRR electric loco DD-1.

Congratulations NMRA member, Edwin P. Alexander. May we on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary in Chicago voice our sincere thanks to a real pioneer . . . the fellow who helped put model railroading over in America!

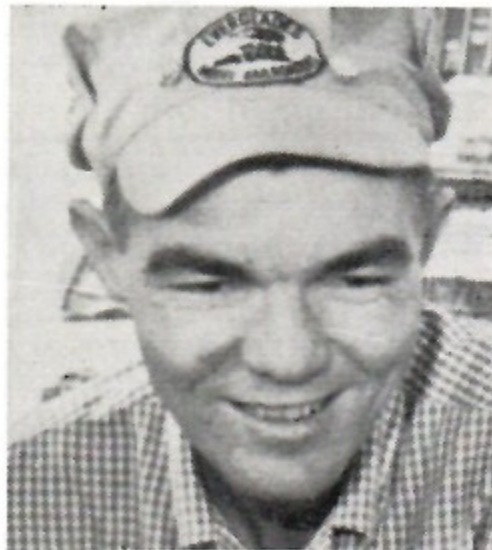
1960 September: Karl Busch new Editor of Bulletin

1960 September Sunshine Region

MEET YOUR NMRA OFFICIALS

(New Region)

SUNSHINE—James (Don) Darby, printer. Member since 1954. HO, 10 x 16 layout in garage, car sits outside. Prefers scenery, structures and car building. Pres. of Everglades Model Railroaders; Editor of the "Journal Box". "I have yet to meet a model rail who wasn't friendly and ready to go out of his way to help you."



1960 October. Photo of Convention Banquest published. This reddish color was from original photo.

Chicago Hosts The Big 25th

FUN FOR ALL . . . OR WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?

BY ROGER PERRY

Photos by Harvey VanderVeen



1960 November

November, 1960

HIGHEST HONOR AWARDED

The recommendation of the Honors Committee having been unanimously adopted by the Trustees, one of the highlights of the convention banquet was the conferring, by President Keeling, of Honorary Life Memberships to Frank Ellison, and A. Ballard Bradley, for "meritorious service to the hobby of model railroading."



The award to Frank Ellison was made in absentia, as Frank was unable to be in attendance, due to ill health.

The old timers can point to the many things they now do which are based on Frank's methods or ideas. The new comers can solve many "problems" by reading the many fine books and articles written by Frank. Few model railroaders have contributed to so many phases of the hobby.

1960 November. A Real Railette Man! Maybe the ONLY one ever!



"Mr. Railette" George Rider wears his gift earring on his collar. He claims to be the only male Railette.

Mr. George Rider is Faith Rider's Husband. She started the Railettes back in 1955 at a Pacific Northwest Region convention.

1960 November

RAILROADING WITH A HEART



NMRA 2533, Special Anniversary car from the British Region. Builder and photographer, R. E. James-Robertson, 8 Whittington Rd., Worcester, England. Body scratch built on a Peco under-frame. Hand lettering.

The car was donated by the builder to be auctioned off at Chicago with the proceeds going to a childrens' Polio Hospital. Ellis James-Robertson was himself a polio victim and fortunate enough to recover. The lower photo shows President Leighton Keeling presenting the car to high bidder Ed Chafitz, left, of West Palm Beach, Florida. Ed bid \$15.50 under the expert auctioneering by Leighton.



1961 March

Huebenthal Elected Honorary Member

The most popular and the least controversial action taken by the NMRA Board of Trustees at their recent meeting was the approval of the recommendation of the Honors Committee that NMRA Treasurer R. H. Huebenthal be elected to Honorary Membership in the Association.

The recommendation, which takes into account "Huebe's" long and faithful service as guardian of the NMRA exchequer, as well as his capable efforts as Chairman of the Electrical Circuits Committee, was unanimously approved. The presentation ceremony will take place at the National Convention in August.



1961 April Published photo of March Meeting



1961 May

Jerry Lee Pecht named Public Relations Director

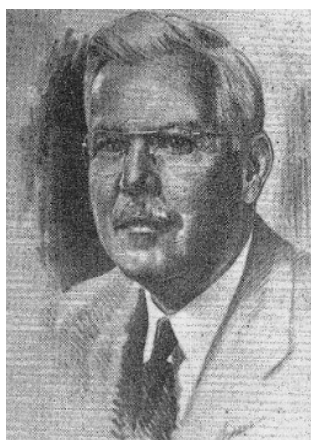


Born, New York City, December 25, 1912. A matter of convenience to my mother. She happened to be there at the time.

Educated privately and in public schools, depending upon the whim of my father, who packed us off bag and baggage to whistle-stop corners of the earth wherever his business affiliations happened to lead. Thus had been around the world three times and lived in most of its out-of-the-way spots at least once by the time I was sixteen.

Entered college at seventeen, being forced to earn my way through thanks to what old-timers may remember as the Great Depression. Worked as radio announcer and writer at night and attended classes day times until I finally achieved a Masters Degree in Speech Arts at Nebraska. Had also found time to get married and arrange for a baby daughter while in college, thus being the only married father in the Class of 1936, with two year old daughter cooing proudly over Daddy's sheepskin. Now have three and two grandsons.

1961 May **Bill Walthers is NMRA LIFE MEMBER #1**



"Bill Walthers, pioneer manufacturer, and "grand-dad" of Model Railroading left Milwaukee on April 23, for a six months tour of Europe. "I'm gonna study railroads from one end to the other," says Bill. "My only regret is that I can't go the whole way by train."

Old time model railroaders will remember Bill Walthers as one of the charter members of the NMRA—(Life member No. 1), an active member of the Model Industry Association

1961 July



The Pacific Coast Region has recently installed P.O.M., C.E. "Ace" Wischstadt as President for two years. He lives at 752 Elder Ave., Chula Vista, California. Ace started model railroading in 1946 and is a Booster Club member of NMRA and holds the Honorary Award of "Life Pass" from the San Diego Model Railroad Club. Many trophies and ribbons verify to his ability as a craftsman model builder.

At present he is in HO, HOn3, and building a 1½" live steamer. He is married and has 3 boys and 1 girl, has been an NMRA member 11 years and PCR 10 years, joining the San Diego Model RR Club in 1947. He has held all offices in the club, and is also a member of The Railroad Historical Society of San Diego. On the premises of his home is housed The Chula Vista Model RR Club, which he helped organize and is in its fifth year. He has held offices in this club. In PCR, "Ace" has held the office for two years as Chairman, Contest Committee, and Membership Chairman. He is employed as a Planner and Estimator in Electronics at the Naval Air Station, North Island.

1961 August PRESIDENT OF THE MID-WEST REGION



Meet Carl E. Dehnert, 1528 N. 48th St., Milwaukee 8, Wis., the new President of the Mid West Region. He is no newcomer to the hobby, having been in Model Railroading for over thirty years. That is when kits were few and

far between.

Carl is Receiving Manager for Sears and Roebuck in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been in NMRA since 1946 and is a charter member of the Evanston Model Railroad Club in Illinois.

With a home layout in HO which follows the Milwaukee Road and the North Shore Line, Carl says that traction is his first love and he has quite a bit of it. "HO trolley is fun and now almost everyone I meet would like to get into the act," says Carl. That statement must be music to the ears of the traction boys.

The present building project on his road is a model of the North Shore Depot in Milwaukee which terminates a stretch of Skokie Valley running under cantenary. A vacation trip is taking Carl to the Canal Zone, perhaps he will come back and install the Canal complete with the railroad when he returns. Perhaps he just wants to find out how come the western end of the Canal is further east than the eastern end!

1961 August. NOTE: The NMRA had its largest membership ever at this point (12,699) and at the same time had the fewest number of Members ever, 25%, vote in the National Election.



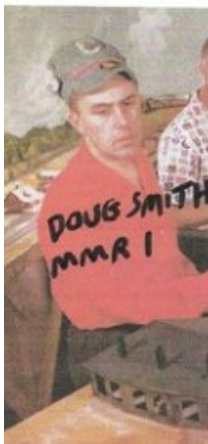
Introducing the President of the Mid-Continent Region, Francis T. Davis, Cuba, Missouri. (A happier Cuba that's for sure!) Address is P.O. Box 436.

He was born and raised in Chicago fifty-six years ago, is married and has two grown children and four grandchildren. He says he came to Cuba in 1948 "via St. Louis." If that is a train he is really giving you details!

The Region Treasurer will have to keep good books because Francis is a Certified Public Accountant in business for himself. No newcomer, he carries Life Member card number 83 and has been active in model railroading since 1936. The first St. Louis convention got him active in Region affairs and he was Director for five years and has moved up from his Vice Presidency of last year.

1961: August of 1961 is when the NMRA National Board at the Cleveland convention **formally approved the Achievement Awards Program.**

In November of 1961, **Douglas Smith, President of the Northeast Region, was designated as the **1st National Chairman of the Achievement Awards Committee.** Each Region was directed to designate a Member as Region Chair for the program.**



The December 1961 NMRA Magazine contained the program in its entirety, including complete descriptions of each of the **NINE (9) categories:**

Master Builder—Motive Power

Master Builder—Cars

Master Builder—Structures

Model Railroad Engineer—Civil

Model Railroad Engineer—Electrical

Chief Dispatcher

Association Official

Association Volunteer

Model Railroad Author

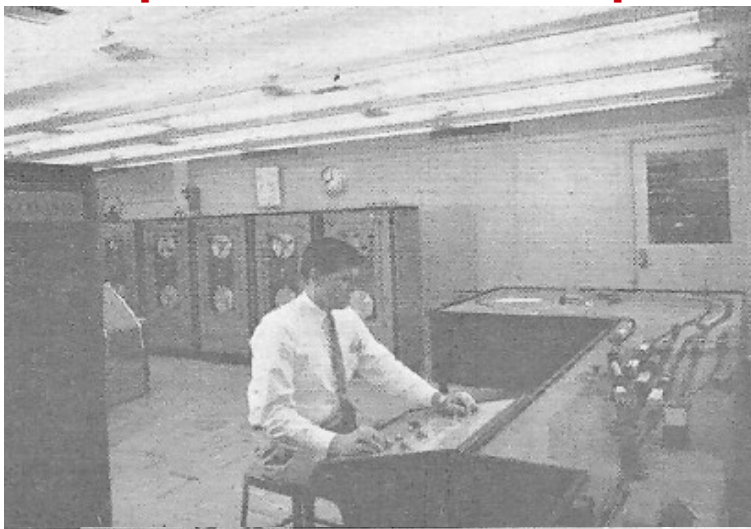
A Member had to earn 6 of the 9 certificates to earn **Master Model Railroader.**

1962 January

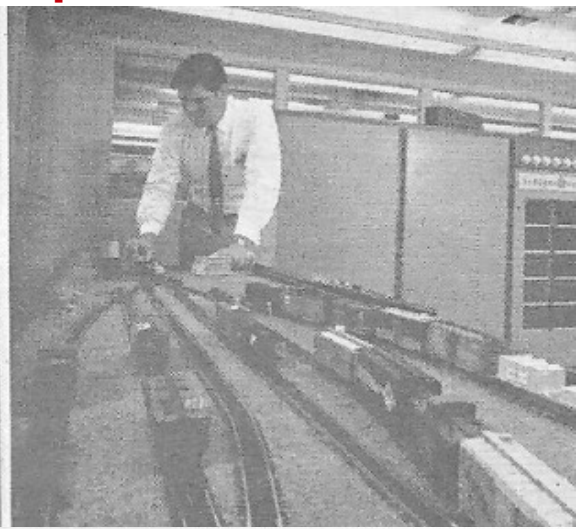


Recently installed new President of the Niagara Frontier Region is Vic Sturdy of Keswick, Ontario, Canada. A native Canadian, born in Thornhill, Ont., Vic tells us that Keswick is a few miles north of Toronto, on Lake Simcoe. This is a summer resort town and during the summer season Vic helps his parents operate a store. The rest of the year Vic and his Father are out land surveying. Of this Vic says, "... not that I do much, but it gives Dad some one to talk to, and it can be very lonely in the bush."

1962 January. "The Ultimate in Model Railroad?" This is the FIRST published use of a computer to operate a train.



G. E. Engineer J. E. Dorn controls train speed only on computer operated railroad.



Computer, background, will program all train movements from stack of cards, seen in Dorn's left hand, when fed into the computer.

This is actual, real-to-life, boxcar identification system developed by the Industry Control Department of the General Electric Company. This is a GE304B computer intergrated into a complete system for handling the data of inbound and outbound trains.

1962

Northeastern Region President



There are larger Regions when measured by square miles, but none larger in population (NMRA, that is) than the Northeastern Region. There is a rumor that the PCR has signed up the weather forecasters of the eastern seaboard so this may change population totals as time goes on.

The new President with the big family (NMRA) in the N.E.R. is Leonard Frankel, who lives at 711 (how about that!) Rutland, West Englewood, New Jersey. Len has lived in New Jersey since 1909 except when he ventured afar for two years in Massachusetts and five in Brooklyn, N. Y. His family consists of a married daughter and 17-year-old son. Mrs. Frankel is a real good model railroader's wife—she lets Len do just as he wants with his hobby.

1962 February. Achievement Awards Program appoints...

REGIONS APPOINT

The Achievement Award program, announced in the December BULLETIN, has been implemented in several Regions by the appointment of representatives to administer the program on the Region level.

Doug Smith, NMRA Achievement Awards Chairman, announces the men appointed by their Regions as follows: Mid Central, Lone Eagle Payne, New Carlisle, Ohio; Mid Eastern, Wilson Wertz, Roanoke, Virginia; Niagara Frontier, Vic Sturdy, Keswick, Ont., Canada; Northeastern, F. Forbes Hauptman, 44 Hilltop Drive, West Hartford, Conn.; Southeastern, Frank Patrick, 2508 Plantation Drive, East Point, Georgia; North Central, Bernie Fate, North Ridgeville, Ohio; Pacific Coast, Gerald S. White, Menlo Park, Calif.

1962 March **PRESIDENT ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION**



Meet Erwin Chaim the P.O.M. President of the Rocky Mountain Region. The modest biography sent to the BULLETIN could no doubt be filled out to cover many interesting events culminating in arrival in the U.S.A. Erwin was born in Berlin, Germany in 1928. During the Nazi regime the family was forced to flee to Shanghai, China. This was 1940. Seven years later the family reached the U.S.A. and settled in Denver, Colorado, and in 1952 Erwin became a citizen. He is owner of a Dental Laboratory there. As a Tch. Sgt., Dental Technician, Ft. Sam Houston was "home" in 1950-'52 y'all please note.

1962 March



Achievement Administrators Appointed

In addition to the appointments announced last month, there are now four more Regions which have named men to head the program.

Jack Kirby Taylor, Clarendon, Ill., will head the Mid-West Region activity. Erwin Chaim, Denver, Colo., is the man for the Rocky Mountain Region. Thousand Lakes Region has named Donald McKinnon, Winnipeg, Canada, and the Pacific Northwest Region man is William Wormald of North Surry, Canada.

Jack Kirby Taylor appointed as AP Chair of Mid-West Region

1962 April **PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH REGION**

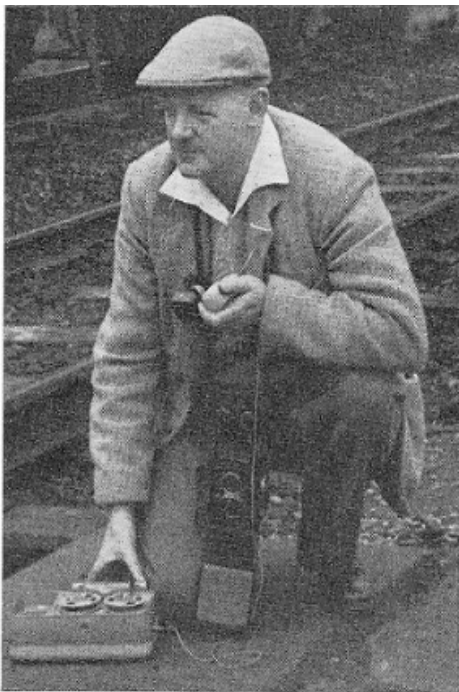


Photo Credit Sunday Mercury, Birmingham, Eng.

Meet Ellis James-Robertson the President of the British Region. In 1922 the town of Swansea, Wales, revised the population figures to include the arrival of Ellis. As a youngster he became interested in all types of trains and operated O and HO tinplate. Photography took over in later years. World War II found him in the Royal Air Force to become a Flying Instructor. Stationed in Canada for a while Ellis nearly visited Detroit but the pass was cancelled due to flight schedules. On a blind date to Niagara Falls, of all places, Ellis met an English student from Toronto University whom he promptly forgot.

After the war back home six years at University resulted in two degrees and a re-meeting with guess who—Norah from Niagara. This time no forgetting. Ellis and Norah have two daughters who are also train enthusiasts.

1962 May **PRESIDENT OF THE MID-CENTRAL REGION**



Meet the Mid Central Region President, Joe A. Slanser of Marion, Ohio. He is an Equipment Engineer for General Telephone Company of Ohio with headquarters in Marion.

Joe is single and devotes his spare time to the hobby of model railroad-ing. Design, construction and operation of electrical control equipment is his main hobby interest. This has resulted in the construction of a fully automatic control for the Traction section of the Marion club. One club is not enough for Joe. He also is a member of the Columbus HO Model Railroad Club, for which he also built a Traffic Control and Progressive Cab Control.

May of 1962: the National Magazine listed the names of those who earned AP Certificates for the first time.

1962 June



Meet James T. Gibson, President of the Southeastern Region. The revitalized and fast developing region. Jim is in the heating, air conditioning, sheet metal business with his father. They celebrate 50 years of business this year. Apparently they never miss a chance, as the photo requested was sent with a piece of sheet metal to foil the post office in bending the envelope!

1962: In June of 1962, the Distinguished Service Award was created. This award was under the discretion of Honors Committee Chairman: W. Watson ("Watty") House.

1962 July



Informally presented peering into the future, actually seated in the cab of a loco, is Leslie T. White, President of the Mid-Eastern Region. Les is also known as "The Beard" and is finishing his second term as prexy.

To tell you all the things Les has done would require more than an entire issue of the BULLETIN and sound like an adventure story. He was born in Ottawa, Canada, and came to the U.S. at the age of twelve. Following "... an urge to cram as much experience into one life as possible" he left school at 14 to work in a machine shop which ended some time later on the drafting tables.

1962 July

EDITOR of the NCR Hotbox Newsletter



The BULLETIN will have a new Editor beginning with the August 's-sue. Bob Kitley of Lansing, Michigan has been the Editor of the NCR HOT BOX for the past four years. In this job he has put out a fine Region paper. This experience and drive will be sure to be in evidence with the NMRA BULLETIN.

Bob has been a model railroader since 1948 and an NMRA member since 1955. He has served as Vice President of the NCR for one term before being Region Editor. A firm believer in the NMRA and the services to the members Bob describes himself as "... the champion of the P.O.M." What more could we ask? The future is assured in these good hands.

1962 August

PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS REGION



Meet Arthur Blucher, President of the Southern Cross Region. Art is a hale and hearty member living in Mt. Albert, Auckland. Where is that you say? Why, in New Zealand, son!

Art, who is now 51 years old, has been a rail fan since his early childhood. He relates that many the time that he came home covered in soot after a day at the local railroad yards as a kid but does not say what kind of a greeting he received.

1962 September

The new Sunshine Region President



Arthur True has been interested in railroads and railroading for almost as long as he can remember and so was a natural to become a model rail. Long a "train watcher" his favorite phase of model railroading is operations.

Art is 53 years of age and was for years an arm chair model rail before entering the lone wolf phase of the hobby. In 1959 he met eight other Miami modelers and a club, the Everglades Model Railroaders, was organized. He has served as club secretary, vice president and president and is co-editor of the club's monthly paper sent to it's forty members.

1962 September

Jack Taylor Kirby becomes the second AP Chairman succeeding Douglas Smith.

In October of 1962, the National Magazine listed the very first three Master Model Railroaders:



NORTHEASTERN—Douglas (Doug) Smith, printing salesman. Member since 1955. HO, 9 x 19 in basement, interested in scratch building and operation. "I enjoy testing my ability at engineering, art, electricity and all other allied subjects when the spirit moves me."



Edward Van Leer



Douglas Smith #1 Ed Van Leer #2 Jack Kirby Taylor #3

1962 Nov – Dec



Here is Bill Angus, President of the Mid West Region who had one of the *guest editorials* in the last issue.

Tagged William J. Angus when he was quite small, he has kept this name for all of his 49 years. Bill is now married, has two sons and one grandson. "Grandpa's" two sons have plenty of model railroad equipment and are both very much interested in the hobby. Bill, Jr. is secretary of the Mid West Region while the other son is in the Army at the present time.

1962 Nov – Dec

Paul Mallery, a well-known figure in the model railroading world becomes Master Model Railroader #4. There is a huge article about the value of the Achievement Awards Program to the Members.

1962 December. Achievement Awards Program Addition / Revision

AP Chairman Jack Taylor Kirby's guidance set the parameters and specifics of the categories as we know them today.

It was in December of 1962 he suggested to add the scenery category and also as well as proposing an MMR must have at least one certificate from each of the four areas of the hobby. These changes were approved in St. Louis at the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting in 1963.

1963 January

MCoR President



Shake hands (well, nod your head) with/ at John D. Lawrence, President of the Mid-Continent Region. John was born June 20, 1912 in Purdin, Missouri, the son of John Edward Lawrence, who worked all his life as a station agent-telegraph operator for the CB&Q.

John decided, about five years ago, that model railroading would make an excellent hobby for "father and son" and so father John and son Dan entered the hobby together. A couple of years later, son Dan considered spending his time with chemistry, radio, television and GIRLS. Father John was left with the trains.

1963 January The “Crossroads of America” Indianapolis, which was the site of the 1963 convention.



1963 February PRESIDENT OF THE THOUSAND LAKES REGION



The Thousand Lakes Region is now headed by Dr. George T. Mellinger of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Mellinger is 43 years of age and an urologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis.

He started his railroading while in residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and built the first railroad to ever operate in that hospital after deciding to switch to the hobby of railroading from the hobby of building airplanes.

1963 February **PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGION**



This most distinguished looking gentleman is Anstess (Jack) H. Weir, current President of the North Central Region and a darn nice guy. It isn't often that this column touches upon a region that is close enough to our "stomping grounds" so that we are in a position to say that 'this here guy is a close friend of mine'.

On the other hand, as pointed out by NCR Secretary 'Doc' Bill Konde when told by Jack that we were going to run his picture in the BULLETIN, "You'll be sorry."

Well, not really. While we disagree with some of the things that he does and call him some strong names at the NCR Board meetings, we have to admit, both that he is a swell guy and that we are stubborn.

1963 April. W. Watson "Watty" House & Bill Walthers are Master Model Railroaders #5 and #6 respectively.

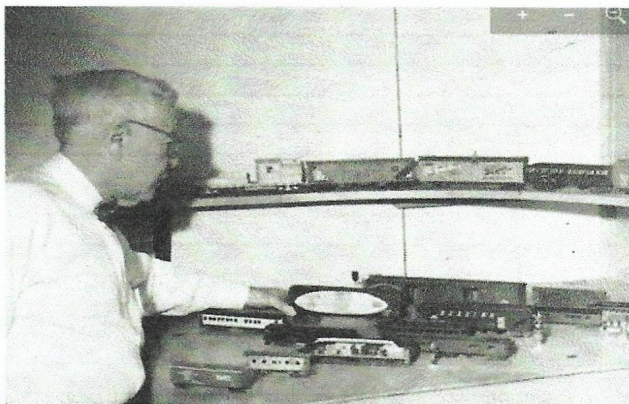
April, 1963



MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS

- # 1. Douglas S. Smith, NER
- # 2. Edward M. VanLeer, NFR
- # 3. Jack Kirby Taylor, MWR
- # 4. Paul Mallery, MER
- # 5. W. Watson House, NER
- # 6. Wm. K. Walthers, MWR

Wm. "Bill" Walthers got the **FIRST PROMINENT MMR BIO #6**



BILL WALTHERS of William K. Walthers, Inc., who made the Diamond Chemicals decals for HO caustic soda and chlorine tank cars which were featured in the article, "Model Railroaders Grow Up," which appeared in the April, 1958, issue of the **DIAMOND STORY**.—Photo from the **DIAMOND STORY**.

Bill Walthers Awarded M.M.R.

At the Midwest Regional Meeting held in Racine, Wisconsin May 24-26, William K. Walthers was awarded the Master Model Railroader award by achievements award chairman Jack Kirby Taylor. Bill is now the proud possessor of MMR number 6.

Bill is one of the founders of NMRA and has over the years, although he can not be an official due to the business he is in, rendered invaluable service to the NMRA and Model Railroaders as a whole. He has invented a great many of the devices that we use every day in our pursuit of this hobby and is instrumental in a great many more.

While the **BULLETIN** has poked a great deal of fun at Jack Kirby Taylor and the Achievement Award Program, it should be apparent to our readers that we are behind the program 100% and we now feel that the program is on the "High Iron" and one of the greatest programs that our members can share in and enjoy. The mere fact that the program is one that can be of benefit to all our membership, whether they participate in the actual program or not, earmarks this program as one that will be of assistance to the entire hobby (NMRA members or not).

In reply to the award, Bill Walther had this to say: "I want to thank you for encouraging me to apply for the Achievement

Awards. My first reaction to this program was not too favorable, but after carefully reading the rules, its merits were apparent. Here certainly was a challenge to every model railroader to prove his capacities and abilities in his hobby.

"These awards can be likened to the degree system used by the Craft Guilds to advance the workman from apprenticeship to master craftsman. In those days they had no pins or certificates, but the apprentice, the fellow and the master could be recognized 'by the way they wore their apron'.

"Model railroaders who enter their models in contests and fail to win are often frustrated and discouraged by disappointment. While not all can win a coveted contest award, certainly every model railroader can work for and get a Merit Award. Once he has 'sunk his teeth' in this program, he will not be content until he is acclaimed a Master Model Railroader.

"When I received my Master Model Railroader certificate at the Racine Convention, I was as thrilled and honored as if I had won the Nobel Prize. As a manufacturer of model railroad merchandise, I am disqualified under the constitution to serve in any elective office and this, of course, prevents me from obtaining certain forms of recognition. However, I can assure you that the MMR award is a worthy substitute and one I will always deeply appreciate.

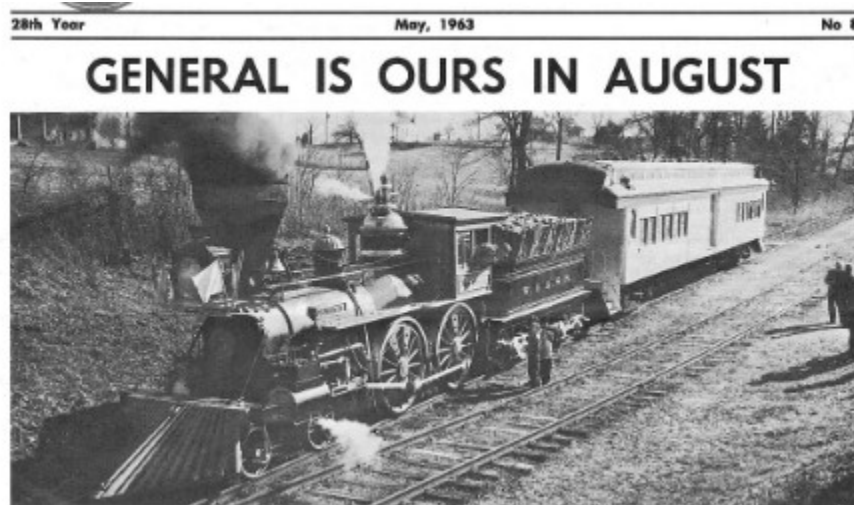
"I want to wish success in promoting this program. I hope every NMRA member will accept the challenge and win what ever recognition his abilities entitle him to."

Your **BULLETIN** can think of no better man qualified for this distinction and wishes to doff our lead lined hat to NMRA life member number one, William K. Walthers.

1963 April Achievement Awards Program. UPDATE to 7

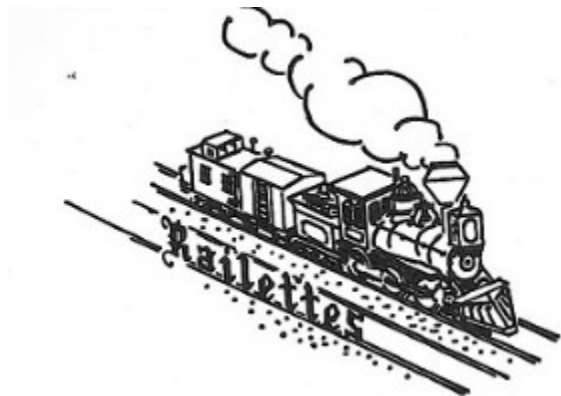
To earn an MMR, a person must now earn SEVEN (7) certificates and of these 7, one each must be in each one of the 4 areas. There are ten (10) certificates. Scenery added 1963.

1963 May Reported...



All Indianapolis Attendees will get a free ride on the General!

1963 May



Many have been asking why we (Railettes) don't have a Railette pin s-o-o-o Lethia Payne found a silver pin of a Locomotive that looks similar to above cut—price in the vicinity of \$1.50, exact price not known yet BUT I do know we will be able to get AND all above cost will be put in the Railette fund to help publish that Railette Cook book. You who may want can purchase at one of the coming Regional Conventions OR write Lethia Payne, R No. 3 Whaley Road, New Carlisle, Ohio.

1963 May Published May 1963



From Michigan (Last Month) to Texas is a big jump. . . . but then Texans are used to doing things big.

Meet the President of the Lone Star Region, C. J. (John) Parnell, Jr., M.D. John is a 33 year old graduate from the University of Texas that has been interested in railroads, both large and small, most of his life. He began modeling in HO in 1956 and joined our ranks in 1957. He "went all the way" and joined the Lone Star Region in 1958.

The LSR knew a good man when they saw him and he was elected to the Regional Board of Directors in 1960, was Regional President in 1961 and elected Regional President in 1962.

1963 July



Paul Shimada is the recently elected President of the Pacific Coast Region and resides in Sacramento, California.

Paul is well known to many of the NMRA members, as his activities have reached farther than just his own region. In fact, he belongs to the PNR, LSR, NCR, NFR, TLR, and the MER, as well as the PCR. To go on and list his many other activities, both past and present, would take several pages.

His smiling face has graced many conventions, national as well as regional, and his wonderful wife Amy is always along to add to the enjoyment of those people meeting the Shimadas for the first time, as well as those that are able to renew acquaintances. In fact his wife is the one that asked, "why don't you see what it is all about." That was back in 1956 and Paul and Amy have been a wonderful addition to the hobby since.

**1963 July Ed Ravenscroft becomes MMR #7
Robert G. Jones becomes MMR #8**

1963 July Railettes

Rose Nash, Lethia Payne & Faith Rider



Thumbnail Sketch of Railette—
Rosella Nash

Born in Montana (just a plain YANKEE) and grew up like Topsy in Montana, Wyoming and Colorado during sub-teens. Moved to Wichita, Kansas where I attended high school, met and married my husband, Ivan. Moved to Duncan, Oklahoma and later back to Kansas where Ivan joined NMRA in 1949. Both attended our FIRST NMRA convention which was held in Denver, Colorado. During the next few years my only connection with the hobby was encouraging Ivan to build. We then, due to our job with a service company, moved to Houston, Texas. Railroading soon picked up as we attended our first regional convention, MID CONTINENT REGION, Tulsa, Oklahoma in either '51 or '52. Next convention being that of the LONE STAR REGION, Houston, Texas, in '53. Our next convention found us in Chicago, Illinois in '54, at the NMRA meeting. '56 we went to St. Paul, Minnesota to the NMRA Convention and things really started to hum when we got involved in the NMRA '57 convention held in Houston, Texas. At this time I was Co-Chairman of the Ladies' activities and manned the Registration desk. At this time I made and entered a Train picture done in Cross-stitch winning a 2nd place ribbon on same. Attended all the Regional LSR Conventions and again in '59 found us at the San Diego NMRA Convention. It was at this time that I became a RAILETTE and met two grand workers; namely, Faith Rider, NMRA Railette Co-ordinator and Lethia Payne, Railette Representative. We have been working closely together ever since and really enjoying our work with the Railette Program. Recently and in the interest of the RAILETTES I have accepted the position of Chairlady of the Railettes for the NMRA Regional Organization Committee. Our aim

and purpose is to work with all the Railettes whether they are model builders of railroad models in their own right or the non-railroad Railette's. Our aim and purpose is to knit the group together closer with more planned activities thus creating interests for both groups as well as entertainment. I shall be looking forward to meeting each and everyone of you in the near future and welcome any and all comments, suggestions, ideas, criticisms, etc. REMEMBER, "Model Railroading is fun whether we build models or just go along for the friendship and fun!"

Thumbnail insight on Railette— Lethia Payne

Was born and grew up in Springfield, Ohio which is just 10 miles from where I now live with husband Lone Eagle Payne, a collie dog named Nick, a parakeet called Pee-Wee, and The East Penn Line Railroad.

Became interested in model railroading in the year 1948-49, after attending my first regional convention. Became a Railette at the National Convention in San Diego, Calif. 1959. I have met and made some lasting friendships thru the programs the Railette's have at the National and Regional conventions. I have built a few box cars, which some day I hope to find time to do again. The present time is spent working for the Railette program along with Faith Rider and Rosella Nash, which I find most interesting as there seems to be something to work for, a goal to reach in getting more women to understand and join in the fun of just being a Railette, to enjoy the companionship and activity that goes with this hobby of Model Railroading.

At the present time I am Railette Representative for the Mid Central Region. Compiler of the Railette Cook-Book which should be out for sale in the near future.

1963 July. Railettes Continued

Rose Nash, Lethia Payne & Faith Rider



Thumbnail Sketch of Railette—
Rosella Nash

Thumbnail Sketch of Railette —
Faith Rider

Yes, I too was born—in the windy city of Chicago, Illinois—came out to Southern California as a child.

Have a family of one husband, two daughters, two dogs and two cats.

My husband and I became interested in the hobby of Model Railroading in late 1951—joined the San Diego Model Railroad Club the following year and have loved the hobby ever since.

Been Club Secretary, San Diego Division Chief Clerk and Paymaster, as well as Editor of the PCR Branch Line, still am.

When we first started attending the Model Railroad Conventions, found the gals that just went along with their husbands—but not really interested in the hobby were being called Railroad Widows, with little or no activity for them—then about 1955 I came up with the name of Railettes—at a PCR Convention, NMRA adopted it also—next in order—planned activity for the ladies—something for them to do, see and be entertained.

Now along with Rosella Nash, and Lethia Payne, we three have been trying to see that Railettes really stand for something.

1963 Photo Indianapolis at Convention Banquet



1963 December **Ivan S. Preble becomes MMR #9**

1964 January



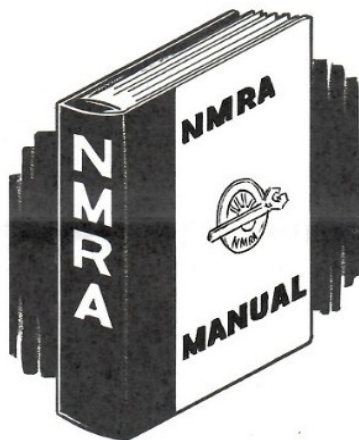
Josef Binder of Vienna

by Alfred E. Ehm

Of the various international members of the NMRA, Austria can claim only one. This lone Austrian is Josef Binder of Vienna, who has been a member of the organization for approximately three years.

Mr. Binder is a civil engineer on the staff of the director of the *Bundesbahnbauamt* (office for construction of the Austrian Federal Railways) in Vienna. This branch of the railroad administration concerns itself with the construction of stations and buildings, and has, since the war, designed and rebuilt the totally destroyed stations of Vienna, as well as the construction of that city's new rapid transit line.

1964 Feb & March **Dr. Roy F. Dohn becomes MMR #10.**



The NMRA Manual that is a part of the three proposals discussed in column three. This Manual, valued at \$2.50 would be offered to all members in good standing between September 1st, 1964 and September 1st, 1965 free.

1964 Feb & March

Whit Towers resigns...

Jack Taylor Kirby below showing how to use NMRA gauge

C-I CHIEF RESIGNS



Whitney K. Towers has announced his resignation from the Chairmanship of the Conformance-Inspection Committee effective March 7th and the announcement has been confirmed by Western Vice President Robert Jefferys, under whose jurisdiction the C-I Committee falls.

It would take thousands of words and page after page to tell you of some of the work that "Whit" has done for the NMRA over the years but to mention a few: in 1952-53 he served on the Coupler Committee, in 1953 to 1957 and again from 1962 to the present time he has served on the Index Committee, from 1954 to the present he has served on the Data Sheets Committee and has helped produce some 30 pages of the present issue of Data Sheets, from 1955 to the present time he has served on the Conformance-Inspection Committee (holding the Chairman's job from 1962 until his resignation), he served on the Glossary Committee from 1959 to 1963, he was the Western Vice President of the NMRA from 1958 to 1961 and he has held a great many offices in the Region as well.



1964 April. Terry G. Walsh becomes MMR #11 and Dr. Edward A. Heffner becomes MMR #12

1964 May Board Makes History! 14.5 Hours Long Meeting

MEETING LASTS FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 A.M.

The Board Meeting, held in Chicago on March 7th, was one that will go down as a milestone in the history of N.M.R.A. In addition to the story in column three of this page, the Board made a great many other vital decisions.

Other Constitutional amendments that will appear on the ballot, to be mailed by the end of May, will include additions to Article V, Section 8 and Article VII, Section 2. These two additions are actually two sections that were inadvertently left out of the Constitution as submitted to the membership for their approval on the 1963 ballot.

The Achievement Program Committee, headed by Jack Kirby Taylor, submitted to the Board one change and three additions to that Program. The change was of minor nature, designed to insure that a qualified applicant have completed SATISFACTORY service.

The additions were submitted so that the Program could officially recognize the works of *Division* Superintendents (presidents) and/or other *Division* officials. These changes are spelled out in detail elsewhere in this issue.

1964 May Continued

NOTE: Division Superintendents would now qualify for an AP Official Certificate.

1964 August History Made!

Greatest ballot return in history! And, record Membership!



REGION PRESIDENT

Elwood Bell was recently elected as President of the Rocky Mountain Region and resides in Westminster, Colorado. Westminster is a suburb of Denver.

MEMBERSHIP THERMOMETER	
July	
	14,651
A month ago	14,145
A year ago	13,765
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1964 September

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IN THIS ISSUE...

In the March, 1962 issue of the BULLETIN we reviewed in this column The Booster of the Southern Cross Region. Since that time The Booster has incorporated with The Australasian Model Railroad Magazine and we offer the review of this excellent publication by Bob Warren below.

1964 September



ERIC A. BRACHER

Eric A. Bracher has been appointed as Chairman of the Conformance-Inspection Committee. Eric receives his mail at Post Office Box 463, Agnew, California 95001. The duty of the C-I Committee is to set up and administer suitable inspection procedures covering the inspection of commercially available model railroad products. Such inspections shall cover dimensions as set forth in applicable NMRA Standards and Recommended Practices.

1964 September FIRST PROTOTYPE RAILROADER EARNS MMR



Donald S. Robinson MMR

Prototype Railroader Awarded MMR No. 13

Donald S. Robinson, President of NER, of Greenfield, Mass., is the first prototype railroader to be awarded the Master Model Railroader title by the NMRA.

Don is employed by the Boston and Maine Railroad and has worked for the B&M on the Fitchburg Division since February of 1954. He has worked all tricks on all sheets of the division as station agent, train director (CTC), telegrapher, crew dispatcher and leverman. He has been promoted recently to train dispatcher. Not content with earning a living at railroading he comes home and rides the hobby in addition to the prototype and has earned Achievement Certificates for motive power, cars, structures, chief dispatcher, official, volunteer and author. His chief dispatcher certificate was awarded on the basis of his prototype experience . . . you can't beat that!

Don has also assisted the Prototype Operations Committee with definitions of terms and explanations of operating practices on the B&M.

1964 September AP Chair #2 passess baton to AP Chair #3

Jack Kirby Taylor Succeeded By John Nalls as A. P. Chairman



Jack Kirby Taylor, MMR, has stepped up to the Central Vice-President's office of the NMRA from the Chairman of the Achievement Program. The wide margin that he won this office in the recent election shows that the membership is well aware of the accomplishments Jack has made for NMRA and also shows his popularity in the Central area among his fellow model railroaders.

Upon being elected Central Vice-President, Jack resigned his Chairmanship of the Achievement Program and his close co-worker, and Vice-Chairman, John A. Nalls, was selected to fill Jack's shoes as Chairman.

Jack has been a model railroader for 26 years and a member of the NMRA for 17.



PHOTO BY STANDARD PHOTO SERVICE

Pictured at the National Model Railroad Association's Liberty Bell Convention in Philadelphia during the banquet Saturday evening, August 22 are (l. to r.) Robert P. Brinkman, NMRA President; Thomas J. Sinclair, Manager of Educational and Group Relations, Association of American Railroads, and William L. MacMillan, Jr., Executive Director, Hobby Industry Association of America, Inc. Mr. Sinclair was the guest speaker at the banquet; Mr. MacMillan spoke to those attending the Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 23rd.

1964 October. Philly Convention was a huge success!

1964 December From Down – Under...Australia



At its Bi-annual meet in Sydney, the Southern Cross Region began active participation in the Achievement Program. Certificates were awarded to members Russ Siddall and John Wheeler.

The photograph shows Mr. Siddall accepting a certificate from past-President Basil Hammersley. Looking on are: Tim Moss, editor of the *Australasian Model Railroad Magazine* (center); John Parker, SCR Eastern Division Representative (top left); and Frank Maxwell, Membership Chairman.